THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Territorial Army Review Committee set up in 1995 had, *inter-alia,* recommended that recruitment in Territorial Army should be voluntary but be re-inforced by compulsory recruitment with limited liability of service for Government servants. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government. However, the modalities for implementation like duration of engagement, categories of Government employees to be inducted, their minimum service liability in Territorial Army, criteria for selection, etc. would need to be examined in consultation with the Ministries/Departments concerned and the State Governments.

Defence Production by HAL

*320. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), despite keen interest from abroad on its products like the Advanced light Helicopter (ALH), is not able to cope up with mass production or series production of India's indigenous aero products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to involve private companies' consortiums for mass production of these products and to enter export markets for products like ALH and LCA?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited have no firm orders from abroad for Advanced Light Helicopter Series production of these Helicopters for domestic customers is going ahead in right earnest. During 2001 -2002, seven such helicopters have been handed over to the Services. During 2002-03, it is planned to produce 11 helicopters.

(c) For involving the private sector in the process and in order to enhance production under its manufacturing plans, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has taken steps for outsourcing components/parts from private companies.The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) is currently in the development stage and not yet ready to enter the export market.